

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An open-network system for managing the architectural process comprising

5 data entry means for user-selected project-specific features;

at least one attribute information storage means, comprising a database from which a user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and data associated with it;

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a filter for providing a graphical user interface with filtered data associated with a user-selected attribute;

a user database which stores the unique identifier of the user-selected attribute;

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automated selection means for incorporating data associated with the user-selected attribute into at least one aspect of a contract document;

generation means for creating the aspect of the contract document.

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2. An open-network system for managing the architectural process comprising

data entry means for user-selected project-specific attributes;

- 5 at least one attribute information storage means, comprising a database from which the user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and data associated with it;

- 10 at least one remote attribute information storage means, comprising a database from which the user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and data associated with it;

a filter for providing a graphical user interface with filtered data associated with a user-selected attribute;

- 15 a user database which stores the unique identifier of the user-selected attribute;

automated selection means for incorporating data associated with the user-selected attribute into at least one aspect of a contract document;

- 20 generation means for creating the aspect of the contract document.

3. An open-network system for managing the architectural process as claimed in claim 2, further comprising means for tracking a project.

4. An open-network system for managing the architectural process comprising

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data entry means for user-selected project attributes;

at least one attribute information storage means, comprising a database from which the user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and data associated with it;

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at least one remote attribute information storage mean, comprising a database from which the user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and data associated with it;

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a filter for providing a graphical user interface with filtered data associated with a user-selected attribute;

a user database which stores the unique identifier of the user-selected attribute;

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automated selection means for incorporating data associated with the user-selected attribute into at least one digital file, the digital file comprising data associated with an aspect of a contract document;

5 generation means for creating the digital file;

searching means for querying the user database.

10 5. An open-network system for managing the architectural process as in Claim 4, wherein the digital file created by the generation means comprises Industry Foundation Class tags.

15 6. An open-network system for managing the architectural process comprising

data entry means for user-selected project attributes, the data entry means comprising a graphical user interface having text entry and drop-down menu choices;

20 at least one attribute information storage means, comprising a database from which the user-selected attribute is identified, each attribute having a unique identifier and data associated with it;

a filter for providing the drop-down menu choices of the graphical user interface with filtered data associated with a user-selected attribute;

a user database which stores the unique identifier of the selected attribute;

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automated selection means for incorporating data associated with the selected attribute into at least one aspect of a contract document from the group consisting of architectural specification, architectural details, architectural schedule or architectural project status;

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generation means for creating the aspect of the contract document.

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